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CITY NOTES.

The select council will hold a regular meeting this evening. Miss Lizzie Jones, of Pearl street, is seriously ill with a relapse of the grip.

The advance sale of seats for "Friend Fritz" is very large, but there are still a number of desirable seats unsold.

Further testimony was taken before Judge Archbold yesterday afternoon in the divorce case of Etchac against Erbach.

A. B. Dunning, Jr., L. C. Bortree and Michael Langan were appointed viewers of the proposed road in Old Forge town-ship, by the court yesterday.

Clark of the Courts Thomas yesterday granted the academy to William H. Hoels and Mary A. Lawrence; Michael Grant and Ellen Cook, all of Scranton.

Office Thomas Jones arrested a drunken Italian in front of Ferdinand's, on Penn avenue, last night for brandishing a knife. The man appeared to be waiting for somebody.

The snow has been removed from Lake Poyntelle and excellent skating is offered to those who attend the party there Thursday, Feb. 1. Train leaves Ontario and Western depot at 6.30 p. m.

Edna, the bright little daughter of Mrs. William Robinson, was injured in the family plot at Furness Hill cemetery yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Robinson has the sympathy of her friends in her bereavement.

THE TRIP TO WALES

D. P. Thomas Addresses the Cambro-American Choral Society on the Contest.

VICTORY WILL BE WITH THE CHOIR

A Comparison of European and American Musicians and Their Orchestras and Chorus—The Rambles Through Erin, Cambria and Switzerland Spoken Of and Described—Forecast of the Result of the Carnevon Eisteddfod.

At the rehearsal of the Cambro-American choir, held in Young Men's Christian Association hall last evening, D. P. Thomas explained the trip to Europe which the choir will take in August next.

Mr. Thomas said: Friends, I stand here by your enemies, and indeed by our cousins across the deep blue sea, that we cannot meet successfully over here in friendly combat, that our greatest and our noblest are our superiors in musical theory, practice and voice. I challenge the assertion as being correct. The assertion might have been correct forty or fifty years ago. This country was in its infancy then. The arts and the sciences and every mechanism in its highest form was in a crude state, but what did the artist do? He made a demonstration eighteen years ago at the Centennial. What did the art gallery manifest? It did the scientific gallery, scientist, inventor and artist the great mechanical and manufacturing departments demonstrate—and the agricultural, horticultural, floricultural and other great progressive departments of the world? We ask what did the busy brain work and the inventive genius of the American bring forth?

AMERICA'S PROUD POSITION. America demonstrated beyond parading that her artists, her scientists, her inventors, and her artists stand side by side with the great masters of the greatest nation of the civilized world. This was in 1876. What did the American artist do? He made a demonstration of the World's Fair exhibition demonstration. This time they were not found marching side by side with the great artists of the world. They were found greatly in the lead, and far beyond the wildest hopes of their friendly opponents to catch them in their unrivalled efforts. The American supremacy was visible in every department. Where, yes, or where, do our musical organizations stand in the great race for supremacy? They are found in the rear of the great musical organizations of the earth! We say emphatically, no, in the foremost rank. Yes, they play the important part in the great and grand parade.

The greatest orchestra Europe has ever witnessed and enjoyed visited our shores two years ago. What was the impartial criticism of a trained American public? What was the criticism of learned musical critics, of native and foreign births? The verdict was unanimous and decisive on every point. It was not equal to our own. The "Thomas" great and unrivalled orchestra. The great European strains of beautiful "Blue Danube" fame was conceived that he met a foe worthy of his station in Theodore Thomas, and that the magic wand that rested in the soul of the latter was far more charming and electrifying. And what of Sousa, of the great Marine Band of Washington, and the late Gilmore, and what of the great vocal organizations of Boston, under Zerkow, Cincinnati, under Theodore Thomas, New York, under Demarest and Segid, and the Cambro-Americans under our own Professor Protheroe? Facts are always much stronger than faint echoes carried across the Atlantic from European shores.

They say the atmosphere of dear old Ireland, the beautiful life of the sea, is more invigorating, and that the mountain breezes of dear old Cambria give richness to the voice and happiness to the soul, and that the sweet valleys of the valleys and the rippling rivers of the first European republic, happy Switzerland, the home of our Fatis and Brigidis lend enchantment to our ears and to our hearts. Let us, for argument, admit all this. But we can advance the incontrovertible scientific theory that our trip across the Atlantic, our ramblings over the green fields of the land of the sweet shamrock, our inhalation of the invigorating and divine breezes of the mountains of Cambria and our wanderings in the sweet valleys of Fatis and Brigidis will counteract all arguments set forth by our cousins over the water. Our condition will be so prim that all competitors will fall at our feet and join in that patriotic American chorus, "All Hail to Columbia," and the judges will declare the Cambro-American Choral society victors in the contest. Have courage, attend rehearsals regularly, pay attention to the leader, place entire confidence in his ability, his integrity, in unshakable, and the battle will result in the greatest American victory of modern days.

ESCAPE FROM LIBBY REPEATED.

Two Large Audiences Witness First Class Productions by Amateurs.

Large and well pleased audiences were at the academy of Music yesterday afternoon and evening when "The Escape from Libby" was repeated for the benefit of the Board of Associated Charities.

The work done by the local amateurs was much better than that of the first night when every member of the cast was naturally rather nervous and fearful lest some hitch should occur to mar the performance. The young people who gave their time and their talents to aid the deserving poor of the city entered into their work with vim and dash and confidence of professionals.

And right here it is safe to say that there have been many entertainments given at the Academy by professionals that were not nearly so clearly interpreted as the "Escape from Libby" last evening. The acting of the young Scrantonians could hardly have been improved upon.

The comedy work done by William W. Luce, Edward F. Kingsbury, M. J. Coyne and C. Wilbur Austin was particularly noteworthy. Mr. Kingsbury sang a popular song and accompanied himself on the piano. It was done right well and the audience demanded an encore, and then

another. Mr. Coyne whistled in faultless style and proved himself as adept in pecking his lips and emitting therefrom the most melodious notes of the mocking bird as Frank Lawton, Harry Gilfoil or any of the other more celebrated whistlers. His crowing in the role of the Irish policeman was entirely original, as were his humorous anecdotes and songs.

As on the previous evening, John M. Harris acquitted himself in handsome style and won the highest praise for his dignified and correct representation of General Pops. Henry E. Newman and Miss Elith Norton showed themselves possessed of more histrionic ability than one-half of the actors and actresses now on the American stage. Their friends were surprised and delighted at the splendid showing of both.

MISS DINGMAN GUILTY

She Denied Everything and Said Her Husband Was Alexander Arnold.

JURY DID NOT BELIEVE STORY

Special Officer Henry Burns Returned Not Guilty—A Similar Verdict Rendered in Case of Mrs. Sarah Gibson, S. Zelinsky on Trial Charged with Burglary—Cases in Which Verdicts of Not Guilty Were Taken.

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She swore that she is a married woman and resides on Fairview avenue in this city. Her husband is Alexander Arnold to whom she was married on Nov. 3, 1891, at Fort Jervis. She declared that she had not been guilty of improper relations with Absalom Arnold. When cross-examined by District Attorney Kelly she proved to have a very bad memory.

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Last summer she visited a friend at Port Jervis and her husband called on her there. She admitted that Absalom Arnold boarded at Wilson's when she was there, but denied that she shared her room with him. He sometimes calls on her at her present home and was there Tuesday night when Detective Thomas Keywold called to serve him with a subpoena to appear in court. Miss Dingman was the only witness called for the defense. After listening to the arguments of counsel and the charge of court the jury retired and an hour later returned a verdict of guilty.

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MRS. GRUNDY, JR., TONIGHT.

A First Class Play to Be Produced by Charles Frohman's Comedians.

"Mrs. Grundy, Jr.," which Charles Frohman's Comedians will present at the Academy of Music this evening, is one of those rare plays that satisfy the cravings of the cultured player, besides giving entire satisfaction to those who care more for funny complications and grotesque situations than for brilliant epigrams and polished acting. It has all these qualities, and a night of keen merriment, born of genuine wit, is what our people may look forward to.

A divorce suit in full trial before an audience, with complete court equipment, from the judges to the clerk, is certainly an original stage effect; but there is nothing in the evidence to harrow up the soul. If tears flow they will spring from the fountain of laughter untroubled.

No finer band of polished merry-makers ever came together than these: George Leslie, Thomas Burns, Herbert Standing, Henry Brown, Charles S. Abbe, T. C. Valentine, Raymond Hamilton, William Lawler, R. G. Thomas, F. T. Alfriend, Guy Nichols, J. H. Rawlings, Anthony Eldinger, Thomas Pitt Clark, Edward Turner, Benjamin Wentworth, Miss Henrietta Crostman, Miss Margaret Crostman, Miss Annie Wood, Miss Margaret Robinson and Miss Anna Robinson.

SALVINI IN THREE GUARDSMEN.

The Young Actor Will Be at the Academy Next Monday Evening.

Alexander Salvini will appear at the Academy of Music Monday evening, when he will present Dumas' stirring romance, "The Three Guardsmen." The plot of the play is familiar to all readers of the older Dumas' work.

The central figure, D'Artagnan, the most fascinating of all romantic heroes, was a true Gascon whose impetuosity and daring was counter-balanced by his shrewdness and mother-wit. Salvini is Dumas' D'Artagnan to the life, a fearless workman, a shrewd intriguer, ever ready to wrest victory from disaster.

Local theater-goers may expect to see "The Three Guardsmen" exactly as it was given at the Star theater, New York city, during Salvini's recent brilliant engagement. The cast will also be the same, the principal names being William Redmond, John A. Lane, William Harris, Eleanor Moretti, Augustus de Forrest and Miss Maud Dixon.

THEIR CERTIFICATES VALUELESS.

Golden's and Ruane's Names Will Be on Official Ballots All the Same.

Judge Edwards handed down a decree yesterday setting forth that the certificates of nomination of Patrick Golden for the office of select council and Michael S. Ruane for the office of common council in the Sixth ward are valueless.

The certificates purported to have been issued from a caucus of the Democratic voters of the Sixth ward, but the judge decides that the Democratic caucus was that which named M. E. Clark for the office of select council, and John E. Regan for common council.

This decree will not prevent Mr. Golden and Mr. Ruane from having their names printed on the official ballots, for in anticipation of such a contingency they filed nomination papers about two weeks ago.

SONS OF AMERICA ENTERTAIN.

Camp 177 Opens its New Hall with a Banquet and Entertainment.

The several camps of Patriotic Order Sons of America of the Lackawanna district were entertained by Camp 177 at its new quarters in Park Place last evening at an open meeting.

Among those who spoke were J. Elliot Ross, A. B. Conger and State Vice President Koshler. Each of the camps present was represented by a speaker. M. E. Clark of the Sons of America, enjoyed by all. Musical numbers were rendered by the quintette from Camp 177 during the evening. Camp 480 drum corps also played several selections in good style. The entertainment was followed by an enjoyable supper.

KELLY HAD A NARROW ESCAPE.

Struck by an Engine But the Snow Saved His Life.

James Kelly, an old man who works on the ash pit at the Erie and Wyoming Valley round house at Danmore, was struck by a train Tuesday morning while at his duties.

He was working in the center of the track, and as the wind and snow were swirling about and he had a large cap drawn over his ears he did not notice the near approach of an engine which was slowly backing on the ash pit. He was struck by the engine, but owing to the amount of snow on the tracks, was slid along and did not roll under at once. Had the tracks been clear of snow he would have been torn to pieces. One leg was broken, and both were badly cut. He is also injured internally.

AN OLD PIONEER DEAD.

Mrs. Anna More Aitken, of Carbondale, Passes Away.

Mrs. Anna More Aitken, of Carbondale, died at 11.30 o'clock last evening. She was the mother of Mrs. Louise Adwin, wife of ex-Mayor Adwin, and John W. Aitken, the Carbondale druggist. Mrs. Aitken was born in Eldale, Susquehanna county, in 1821 and lived in Carbondale for fifty-two years. The funeral announcement will be made later.

LOUGHLIN AND LONG

Tried for Feloniously Wounding Prof. J. E. Hawker, of Green Ridge.

THE STORIES TOLD IN COURT

Hawker Says That Loughlin Jabbed Him in the Neck with a Pruning Knife and That Long Held Him. Loughlin Declares That the Professor Caused All of the Trouble. Long Says He Was a Peace Maker.

Edward Loughlin and Anthony Long, two well known citizens of Green Ridge, were put on trial before Judge Gunster in the main court room yesterday charged with having feloniously wounded Professor Jeremiah E. Hawker on the evening of July 13 last. The defendants are represented by Major Everett Warren and Attorney C. H. Soper and Attorney Frank T. Okell in prosecuting the case.

Professor Hawker went on the stand and gave his version of the trouble. His son, Professor J. B. Hawker, in July last rented a house from Edward Loughlin. He was absent from the city on his vacation and requested witness to keep a watch on the premises for him. On the evening of July 13 he went over to his son's premises and found Loughlin there. The latter charged him with allowing boys to break the limbs of the cherry trees, but Hawker denied the charge.

Loughlin called him a liar and Hawker returned the compliment and said Loughlin was a big liar. At the same time the professor ordered him from the premises.

LOUGHLIN WOULD NOT GO. Loughlin refused to go, and Hawker put his hands on his shoulders to push him out of the lot. Upon this, Hawker says, Loughlin grabbed him by the whiskers, pulled out a large bunch of hair and jabbed him in the neck several times with a pruning knife, and said two ugly cuts. Long held him enabling Loughlin to commit the assault. Mrs. Hawker testified that she saw the cuts on her husband's neck after the assault, and Mrs. Richard Hally and Miss Gertrude Price testified to hearing angry words exchanged by Mr. Loughlin and Professor Hawker.

After the prosecution rested Loughlin was called to the stand. He said that Hawker called him a skunk and swung around for the purpose of striking him. Seeing this he grabbed the professor by the whiskers to save himself from being hit in the face. If Hawker had once ordered him to leave the lot and he did so, he did not have intention of using the knife on him. During the scuffle Hawker hit him several times in the face, cutting his jaw and cheek.

LONG A PEACEMAKER.

Anthony Long said that on the evening of the trouble he saw the men fighting. Loughlin asked him to take Hawker away and he separated them. Hawker at once ordered him to leave the lot and he did so. He did not hold Hawker or commit any manner of assault on him. Several witnesses were called to corroborate the testimony of the defendants.

The case was submitted to the jury on the charge of the court and at 3.30 it retired. A verdict had not been reached when court adjourned.

The Republic Savings and Loan association, of New York, having sold over 2,000 shares of its stock in Scranton, has called a meeting for Friday, Feb. 3 at 4 p. m., at its office, Dime Bank building, for the purpose of electing officers and directors. New shares will also be offered for sale. F. B. Cass, manager agency department, and L. G. Gadd, general manager, will be present to explain the plan and purposes of the association. Come and bring some one with you.

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